

Testimony

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I write today not only as a concerned citizen but also as a community member that speaks with some authority on the subject. I am a doctoral candidate in the Community and Cultural Psychology program. This branch of psychology studies how people relate to and are a part of their community. Community psychology goes beyond studying the individual to also understand the social, cultural, economic, political, environmental, and historical influences on communities. Given my training within this framework and my familiarity with the data on similar bills in other communities that are impacted by a lack of affordable housing, and thus a large population of transient and unhoused people and families, I strongly oppose Bill 83, Bill 87, and Bill 88 because they do not address any of contextual factors that lead to shortage in affordable housing, a lack of adequate social services, and healthcare. The director of the local ACLU chapter, Mateo Caballero, also agrees. I am represented by Ann Kobayashi and am saddened by the bill she proposes, along with the others. It is clear that Bills like 83, 83, 88 do not value housing to be a human right. Criminalizing mere existence in public space, such as sidewalks, does not address the causes of houselessness. Spending thousands of tax dollars to implement sweeps to remove Humans, our neighbors, people and families from our community, is shameful and a ill waste of my tax payer money.

I strongly oppose all 3 bills.

Your neighbor,
 Eréndira Aldana

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